A2 cont.

has a calcium ion to carboxyl molar ratio ranging between about 0.09 and about 0.9.

38. The composition as defined in claim 37 wherein the calcium ion to carboxyl molar ratio ranges between about 0.18 and about 0.72.

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment before the first Office Action is requested. It is submitted that the amended and new claims are fully supported by the specification as filed. For example, support for new claims 29 and 30, and 37 and 38 may be found at page 9, lines 22 et seq. and in Fig. 6(b).

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, she is cordially invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

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